



Kansas Municipal Gas Agency
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
January 22, 2025

Committee Members	City	Present/ Absent	KMGA Staff/Guests
Tony Lawson	Coffeyville	Present	Paul Mahlberg
Ethan Reimer	Halstead	Present	Lisa Ferguson
Jason Thrasher	Hesston	Present	Terri Pemberton
Nathan Law	Louisburg	Present	Dixie Riedel
Katie Hodge	Osage City	Present	Mike Meyer
Stephanie Ashby	Walton	Absent	Brooke Kistler
Gus Collins	Winfield	Absent	Manny Milbers - Beloit

Item No. 1 – Call the Meeting to Order

On behalf of President Gus Collins, Vice-President Ethan Reimer called the virtual meeting to order at 10:31 a.m., which was held via Microsoft Teams. A quorum was present.

Item No. 2 – Seek approval for the following items:

- **December 18, 2024, Executive Committee Meeting minutes**
Jason Thrasher made a motion to approve the December 18, 2024, Executive Committee Meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Tony Lawson and carried unanimously.
- **December 2024 Appropriations Report**
Mike Meyer presented the December 2024 Appropriations Report. Tony Lawson made a motion to approve the December 2024 Appropriations Report. Katie Hodge seconded the motion, and the motion was carried unanimously.

Item No. 3 – Gas Director's Report

Dixie Riedel provided updates on the Natural Gas Industry market. She included pricing from power plants over the previous weekend when a brief cold snap occurred with freezing temperatures. As a result of the cold snap, prices rose temporarily but recovered quickly and the gas supply remained stable.

Item No. 4 – General Counsel Report

Terri Pemberton provided an update on Southern Star as well as Winter Storm Uri related to the AG lawsuit and the class-action lawsuits.

Item No. 5 – General Manager Report

Paul Mahlberg mentioned there had been some restructuring of KMEA staff recently due to Gerry Bieker retiring last month. Tom Saitta has been promoted to Managing Director, Electric Operations. Paul Lampe is moving laterally into Tom's previous position as Director, Electric Operations (24/7 operators will now report to Paul). Tyson McGreer has been promoted to Director of Member Services and KMEA plans to hire a new employee to help with the Member Services division. Additionally, Terri Pemberton will now

head the Regulatory and Rates division and Darren Prince will report to Terri, with plans to hire a new employee that will report to Darren to help in the Rates and Regulatory division.

Item No. 6 – Old Business

- **Natural Gas Prepay Update**

Paul Mahlberg provided a Natural Gas Prepay Update and mentioned that progress is being made as KMGa anticipates more negotiations while continuing to work on a possible off-ramp. KMGa is currently working with two groups: Blackbelt/Goldman Sachs and a group from Minnesota. The Minnesota group is working on a pre-pay that looks favorable. Staff are hoping to have an action item for the Executive Committee at next month's meeting.

Item No. 7 – New Business

- **Rate Study Fee Structure**

Staff have been working on a proposed new Rate Study Fee Structure on the KMEA side that was recently approved by the KMEA Executive Committee, and staff have created a similar proposed Rate Study Fee Structure for KMGa. While rate studies were previously free for KMGa members, initiating a Rate Study Fee Structure will increase revenue for KMGa and help fund the cost of hiring an additional employee for the Rates and Regulatory division of KMGa. Paul Mahlberg presented the proposed Rate Study Fee Structure for KMGa and detailed cost considerations such as member size, cost per meter, whether the member takes gas from KMGa, and expected revenue based on past rate study work completed. Paul also stated that moving forward, KMGa will no longer offer water rate studies, only gas and electric, and that members will be referred to Kansas Municipal Utilities if they need a water rate study performed. Discussion ensued. Katie Hodge made a motion to approve the new Rate Study Fee Structure, "as presented". Nathan Law seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously.

- **Legal Fund Review**

Paul Mahlberg highlighted the topic of KMGa's Legal Fund and supplemented his presentation with a look at the actions that led to the inception of the Legal Fund and included a summary of the current balance. Ethan Reimer initiated a discussion about the possibility of a Liability Fund for KMGa, based on previous litigation, and Paul agreed this would be a good topic for discussion at a future meeting.

Item No. 8 – Executive Session

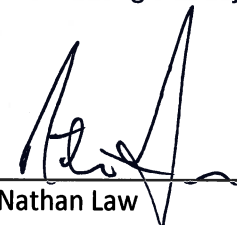
None.

Item No. 9 – Discuss and set date, time, and location for the next Executive Committee Meeting

The next Executive Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 18, 2025, at 10:30 a.m., in the City of Hesston, KS.

Item No. 10 – Adjourn Meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 11:19 a.m.


Nathan Law